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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Drug Abuse in Colleges
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has registered cases in drug abuse in college premises in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has taken steps to prevent substance abuse in the campuses; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (d): University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued a circular to all Vice Chancellors on 02.04.2013 (details available on www.ugc.ac.in) regarding strict adherence to the provisions of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition Of Advertisement And Regulation Of Trade And Commerce, Production, Supply And Distribution) Act, 2003 and its Rules i.e. Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Rules, 2008. The UGC circular enjoins upon all concerned inter alia to display boards prominently stating that sale of cigarettes and tobacco products in an area within a radius of 100 yards of the University is strictly prohibited, sensitization of teaching and non-teaching staff of the University and its affiliated Colleges and organizing competitions in promoting a tobacco-free campus. Another circular was also issued on 27.8.2013 by UGC (details available on www.ugc.ac.in) for implementation of the actionable points of the National Policy on Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS). Para 55 of the NDPS deals with steps to tackle the problem of sale of drug to school and college children. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment also has a Scheme of National Awards for outstanding services in the field of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse in order to recognize the efforts and encourage excellence in the field of prevention of substance abuse and rehabilitation of its victims.
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